

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 7, 11, 16, 17, 20 and 21 have been amended. Support for the amendments can be found on page 23, lines 10 -21. Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 20 and 21 are pending and under consideration.

In the Office Action, starting at page 2, claims 1-4, 6-9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,748,365 ("Quinlan") and U.S. Patent No. 6,847,935 ("Solomon"). The rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

As amended, claims 1, 7, 11, 16, 17, 20 and 21 each recite "extracting sales information containing a first information ... including a range of deal numbers of second information between a minimum deal number of second information to a maximum deal number of second information" (e.g., claim 1, lines 20-24). Nothing has been cited in Quinlan or Solomon et al. that teaches or suggests "a first information" including "a range of deal numbers" as quoted above. Instead, Quinlan teaches a "purchase data record [that] comprises the list of products purchased, the date, and the transaction serial number for a qualified transaction in which at least one designated product was purchased by any consumer" in column 9, lines 47-50. The "transaction serial number for a qualified transaction in which at least one designated product was purchased by any consumer" stored in the purchase data record of Quinlan does not teach or suggest to one of ordinary skill in the art a "range of deal numbers of second information between a minimum deal number of second information to a maximum deal number of second information" as recited in the claims because "transaction serial number" is a single number and has separate, and distinct, processing requirements than a "range of deal numbers" that is recited in the claims.

Similarly, Solomon fails to teach "a range of deal numbers of second information between a minimum deal number of second information to a maximum deal number of second information" as recited above. Instead, Solomon teaches, in FIG. 3, storing a start date, an end date and a disbursement option (in columns 6, 7, and 11, respectively). Nothing has been cited in the Office Action that would teach or suggest to one of ordinary skill in the art modifying Solomon to "extract... sales information containing a first information ... including a range of deal numbers of second information between a minimum deal number of second information to a maximum deal number of second information" as recited in the claims.

Therefore, it is submitted that claims 1, 7, 11, 16, 17, 20 and 21 as well as claims 2, 3, 6, 8, 9 and 12, which depend therefrom, are patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record.

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There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

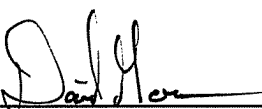
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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